

2015 National Youth Science Camp[®]

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General Information and Instructions

National Youth Science Camp The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is a residential science education program that honors and challenges two students from each state and others from selected countries around the world. Scientists from across the nation present lectures and hands-on science seminars, and linger to interact informally with student delegates. Delegates are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music with resident staff members. Opportunities are provided for delegates to present seminars covering their own areas of interest and research. A visit to Washington D.C. permits delegates to visit some of the nation's premier scientific, governmental, and cultural facilities. The NYSC experience includes overnight excursions into the Monongahela National Forest, featuring backpacking, rock-climbing, caving, mountain biking, and kayaking opportunities. Delegates are required to participate in the camp program for its entirety, as the fast-paced activities and remote location make travel to and from the NYSC very difficult. More information is available online at www.nysc.org. **Note that some of the information and requirements for Chilean students are different from those on this website which corresponds to U.S. students.**

Location of the NYSC The NYSC will be held at a facility located in the Monongahela National Forest near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia.

Dates of the NYSC Delegates **MUST** be able to attend the entire NYSC program and participate in ALL activities. Delegates depart Santiago for Charleston, West Virginia on **Tuesday, June 16**, and depart Charleston for Santiago on **Saturday, July 11, 2015**.

Cost The National Youth Science Camp is offered at **NO COST** to its participants. All educational and recreational programming, as well as meals, lodging, visa and round-trip air passage are provided free of charge. Delegates are responsible for Chilean passport fees and those related to their authorization to travel.

Eligible Applicants **International applicants must be 16 to 18 years of age as of June 16, 2015**

- Must have very good English verbal and written skills
- Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency (6.3 grade point average in 2014) including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences;
- Must demonstrate leadership abilities, solidarity and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities;
- Must demonstrate skills and achievements outside the realm of science and outside the realm of academic pursuits;
- Must demonstrate a proven curiosity and an eagerness to explore varied topics in science;
- Must hold Chilean citizenship;
- Must never have lived in the United States

Application Criteria **A complete application consists of the following:**

1. Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type, English);
2. A letter detailing your qualifications and reasons for applying (must be typed, English);
3. A 500 word essay on one of the following topics:
 - The role of youth in protecting the health of our oceans
 - Sustainable oceans - international collaboration and a call for action
 - The impact of human activity on the sustainability of our ocean
4. A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities. Please indicate dates and places of contests, awards, workshops, other (English);
5. An academic transcript for 2014 (Spanish or English) and
6. A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor (Spanish or English).

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Submission Instructions Do NOT send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation. Chilean candidates must send their applications via email to nyscchile2015@gmail.com or via postal service to the Public Affairs Section, US Embassy, Andres Bello 2800, Las Condes, Santiago. Applications must be received by the Embassy no later than Saturday, April 18, 2015. Only semi-finalists and finalists will be contacted.

Delegate Application Cover Sheet 2015

Name:	Last (Surnames)	First	Middle
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Nationality:			
RUT:			
Age as of June 26, 2015:			
Birthday:			
Current academic grade/level:			
Complete home address (house number, street, neighborhood):			
City and Region:			
Country:			
Home telephone (with area code):			
Personal cell phone:			
E-mail address:			
Parents' or Legal Guardians' full names and emails/cell phones:			
School name:			
Complete school address (number, street, neighborhood):			
City, Region:			
School telephone (with area code):			
Name of teacher or school director:			
Teacher or director's email and telephone:			

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Application Check List:

Your application material must be sent directly to the United States Embassy in Santiago, Chile so that it is received no later than April 18, 2015.

Do NOT send it to the office of the National Youth Science Camp.

- ☐ Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type)
- ☐ A letter of interest detailing your qualifications and reasons for applying (typed, in English)
- ☐ Essay on oceans related theme (typed , in English)
- ☐ A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities (typed, in English)
- ☐ A 2014 academic transcript (English or Spanish) and
- ☐ A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor (English or Spanish)